

Founded in 1922, UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the nation, with the mission of engaging in charitable works, supporting higher education, and performing patriotic deeds. UNICO Hazleton was formed in 1950 as the first chapter in Pennsylvania, and continues to advance the principle of service to community, over service to oneself.

Ron graduated from Hazleton High School in 1957, and like so many proud Italian-Americans, joined the family business as a fourth-generation employee. R.L. Marchetti Plumbing still operates to this day and is run by his son, Randy. In 1961, Ron felt a duty to serve his country and enlisted in the U.S. Army at the height of the Cold War. After serving for two years, he returned to Hazleton to continue on in the family business. Ron serves as the president of the Hazleton Plumbers Association, a position he has held for the past 28 years, and also sits on the Hazleton Historical Society board.

I've known Ron personally for many years and I can't think of anyone that's had a bigger impact on Hazleton sports throughout the years. Ron started his sports commentary career with two shows on local television, "Trivia Treats" and "Short Shots," and to this day fans and former athletes still request copies of these segments. He then went on to be a sports editor for PANORAMA magazine for 25 years. Ron is the former president of the Hazleton Quarterbacks Club and has been actively involved with the Hazleton Area football program for over 25 years. Many in the community still refer to Ron as the heart, soul, and voice of sports in the Hazleton area, and his induction into the Hazleton Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2015, speak to his distinguished contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Ron Marchetti for his exemplary service to the Italian-American community and the greater Hazleton Area. Ron and his wife, Chris, celebrated their 54th Anniversary this past April, and his four children, Lisa, Robin, Terri, and Randy, and seven grandchildren, can take pride in knowing that his contributions to the Hazleton Area will have a lasting impact for generations to come. I thank Ron for all that he has done for our community and wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.

A NEW EXHIBIT HONORING A VIRGINIA HERO

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate my friend and distinguished public servant, former Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., in the opening of a new exhibit in his honor at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning. As the longest serving Secretary of the Army, this is a well-deserved recognition of his service and contributions to our country and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Secretary Marsh began his public service at the age of 18 when he enlisted in the United States Army during World War II where he

served with occupation forces in Germany. After the war, Secretary Marsh pursued a career in law while continuing to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Virginia Army National Guard, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1976.

In 1962, he was elected to represent the people of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and served honorably for four terms. While serving in Congress, Secretary Marsh graduated from the Army's Airborne Infantry School, earning his Senior Parachutist Badge. In fact, he served during the Vietnam War without mentioning to his fellow soldiers that he was a sitting Member of Congress—a true display of his humble statesmanship.

Following his service in Congress, Secretary Marsh served as Assistant Secretary of Defense and was a counselor to President Gerald Ford. In 1981, he was appointed as Secretary of the Army by President Ronald Reagan. He went on to serve as the Secretary of the Army until 1989, making him the longest serving Secretary of the Army in history. He served during the sweeping reconstruction of our military's organization, and helped implement the joint and more efficient Armed Forces we see today.

Secretary Marsh has received six Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service awards, the Presidential Citizens Medal, the Doughboy Award, the Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service, and is a member of the Army's Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame and the Ranger Hall of Fame. On September 16, 2016, the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia, opened a new exhibit to honor Secretary Marsh's lifetime of service.

It has been an honor to know Secretary Marsh and his family over the years. He is a native of Virginia and has deep roots in the Shenandoah Valley. As a fellow alumnus of Washington and Lee University, he is a true inspiration. As President Ford once said, "Anyone who can make thirty-eight parachute jumps while serving as a Congressman has to be fairly calm and unflappable."

I congratulate Secretary Marsh on this much-deserved exhibit. Future generations will forever recognize his immense contributions to our nation. I wish him and his family the best.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN MCGOFF ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE INDIANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General John McGoff on the occasion of his retirement from the Indiana Air National Guard. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for John's exceptional service and dedication to our Hoosier state and our great country.

A lifelong Hoosier, John was born and raised in the Broad Ripple area of Indianapolis. He attended St Pius X Catholic School, where his parents were founding members,

and where he has been a lifelong parishioner. Growing up, John volunteered at Wishard Hospital Emergency Department in his free time. Through this volunteer work he developed an interest in emergency medicine. After graduating North Central High School in 1977, John attended Indiana University to study biology. Graduating early from college, John then went on to attend Indiana University School of Medicine to pursue his dream of becoming a physician. During his third year of medical school he joined the Medical Officer Training Corps with the Indiana Air National Guard. Following the conclusion of his degree program, John completed his three-year residency in Emergency Medicine at the esteemed Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

John's commitment to public service and dedication to his Hoosier home is evident. After finishing his residency in 1987, John returned to Indiana and began working in the ER at Community Hospitals in Indianapolis and has continued to work as an Attending Emergency Room Physician, where he has served thousands of Hoosiers. In addition to his civilian medical career, John is a decorated Iraq War Veteran.

He served for more than three decades with an aeronautical rating of Chief flight surgeon and has logged over 600 hours of flight time in many aircrafts, including the F-16 and F-4 fighters. He was the Chief of Emergency Services at the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group, Joint Base at Balad, which was the busiest trauma center in Iraq in 2008–2009. He was the Assistant to the Surgeon General for U.S. Air Forces in Europe and he has been deployed extensively around the world with operational tours in Turkey, Jordan, Bahrain and Germany. John is also the Chief of Staff for the nearly 2,000 members of the Indiana Air National Guard, where he serves as an advisor to the Adjutant General on matters pertaining to the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, the 207th Weather Flight in Indianapolis, the Air-to-Ground Gunnery Ranges at Atterbury, Jefferson Proving Grounds, and the 181st Intelligence Wing in Terre Haute. With the 181st he served as the Medical Group Commander, Chief of Flight Medicine, Flight Surgeon, and Hospital Administrator. During his tenure as commander, the unit received "Excellent" ratings on their Health Services Inspections in 1993, 1997, 2001, and 2005. They also won the Theodore Marrs Award, the highest Air National Guard Medical Award, in 1997 and 2006. Additionally, they also received the prestigious Schaeffer Trophy in 2006 for the best medical unit in all of the reserve components.

John has received many awards and decorations during his time in the National Guard and his active duty. Those awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with Gold Frame), the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device and Numeral 2), the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.